

BOEING EELV VIOLATIONS

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, last week, the Under Secretary of the Air Force, Peter Teets, announced the Air Force's determination that the Boeing Company had committed serious violations of Federal law by illegally acquiring thousands of documents from its chief competitor, Lockheed Martin. Apparently, the Boeing Company used this information to underbid Lockheed during the billion-dollar Evolved Expendable Vehicle competition. Boeing's illegal activity probably cost Lockheed Martin hundreds of millions of dollars in contracts and did serious damage to the Federal Government's procurement process.

As a result, the Air Force has punished the Boeing Company by suspending Boeing's Launch Systems, Services, and Delta business units for an indefinite period of time. The Air Force also reduced the total number of Boeing launches by seven. The Air Force increased the total number of launches for Lockheed by the same number.

The Air Force granted Lockheed Martin permission to develop a west coast launch capability at Vandenberg Air Force Base, which will give Lockheed an opportunity to compete for launches from this critical base. This decision will give the Air Force more flexibility in awarding launches in the future.

I was pleased by the Air Force's decision. Integrity of the procurement process is essential and nothing less than the highest standards should be expected. Boeing's actions are a major disappointment, and it is my hope that the Air Force's decision will serve up as a wake-up call, not just for this company, but for all companies doing business with the Department of Defense.

Boeing must not take measures to ensure that its employees know that this activity is unacceptable. To this end, the hiring of former Senator Warren Rudman to review the company's policies and procedures regarding ethics and the handling of competitive information was a good first step. It saddens me to think that a handful of individuals could have caused such problems for the 160,000 hard-working men and women employed by the Boeing Company.

We should keep in mind that the Department of Justice is continuing its own investigation into the criminal activities of these former employees. I will also be requesting through the Senate Armed Services Committee that the General Accounting Office investigate whether defense consolidation has resulted in a situation where the Federal Government's ability to punish those companies that violate the procurement process has been limited.

To be clear, I continue to support the Air Force's policy of sustaining two launch providers for the EELV program. Last February, I sent a letter to

the Secretary of Defense emphasizing my belief that reliance on only one provider could jeopardize our ability to utilize space. Assured access to space requires sufficient launch capability, which would be lost with the elimination of one launch service providers. And, while redundancy is expensive, I believe we need to ensure space assets are there for our men and women in the Armed Forces when they are needed.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO THE NASHUA LIONS CLUB

• Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the Nashua Lions Club in recognition of their 80th anniversary.

Eighty-six years ago, insurance executive Melvin Jones and his fellow Chicago business associates gathered and formed Lions International.

Originally, their objectives were humanitarian service to their community. It wasn't until Helen Keller spoke at their 1925 convention and challenged them to become her "Knights of the Blind" that they began a service that today has become the largest service organization in the world.

In mid-1923, a similar group of Nashua business leaders began meeting at the old YMCA on Temple Street. A few months later they were chartered as the Nashua Lions Club, becoming the second oldest club in the State. Since that time, the men and women of the Nashua Lions have answered the challenge of Helen Keller and have lived by the Lions motto "We Serve."

In their 80 years of service, the Nashua Lions have raised over \$1 million that has gone to pay for eye examinations, eye glasses, eye surgery, and hearing aid for needy children and adults. Last year, Nashua Lions tested more children between the ages of 3 months and 4 years than any club in the entire State using the revolutionary "KIDSIGHT" camera that enables doctors to read a laster photo of a young child's eye and determine whether or not they have any problems at an early age.

In the early 1950's, the Nashua Lions led by former Major Mario Vagge built the friendship club—a place for handicapped Nashua residents to go and socialize—which is still in use today. In 1995, the club was approached by a Nashua family with a severely handicapped child at home. "Melanie's Room" became a reality and for several years Melanie and her family shared in her being with them at home.

Besides the usual groups and charities supported by the Lions, many club members throughout the years have given not only their own money, but they have devoted countless hours to the city through service as mayors, alderman, fire commissioners, judges, educators, police, and firefighters.

Local groups have benefited from having Lions serve on their organizations board of directors. Lions are involved with programs such as Big Brothers/Big Sister in-school mentors, Juvenile Diabetes Education efforts, Special Olympics, and Lions Club Camp Pride.

In addition to their numerous community and charity efforts, the Nashua Lions have also provided leadership to the entire Lions International Organization. During their 80-year history, Nashua has had three district governors: Clifford Sloan, 1960-1961, Joseph Bielawski, 1983-1984, and Edward Lecius, 1998-1999.

The Nashua Lions are a true example of the volunteer spirit that President Bush has asked all Americans to undertake. Their leadership, caring, compassion, and hard work have helped make Nashua a great place to live.

The countless lives they have touched through their many programs may never be known, however, just think what might have been if there were no Nashua Lions Club the past 80 years.

I offer my thanks and congratulations to the men and women of the Nashua Lions Club for their 80 years of dedicated service to the residents of the Gate City.●

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL DAVID L. HANSEN

• Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise today to commend the distinguished service and leadership of Colonel David L. Hansen, who has ably served for the past 2 years as the district engineer for the Norfolk District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

COL Hansen will soon assume new responsibilities as the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Resource Management at the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe, VA.

As he moves on to these new challenges, I want to convey my personal appreciation and the gratitude of all Virginians for his many accomplishments, and commitment to fulfilling the mission of the Corps of Engineers to provide superior planning, engineering, construction and conservation of our valuable water resources. In his brief tenure as district engineer, COL Hansen led the Corps in effective disaster response to many communities, particularly the city of Franklin, in helping them rebuild from the devastating flooding of Hurricane Floyd. He led the Corps in proceeding with the modernization of Hampton Roads Harbor with his initiatives that have resulted in the construction of the 50-foot outbound channel so that Virginia remains competitive with the world's leading ports and is ready to serve the next generation of cargo vessels.

COL Hansen's hallmark has been in executing the Corps mission to protect and restore our environmental resources and he leaves us with a solid foundation to build upon in the years